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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Apo and Councilmembers:

Subject: Follow-up to our meeting of April 21, 2009 on Bill 15, CD1

and Bill 16, CD1

Below is information in response to your questions raised at our meeting on April 21, 2009:

Refuse Collection and Disposal

• Regarding proposal to cut \$2.5M from object code 3039, Recycling Services – what is the cost of white bins at schools?

Answer: In FY 2010, we have budgeted \$3.5M for the Community Recycling Bin program. Per the existing contract, we lease about 150 rolloff bins at approximately \$190 per bin per month. For the remaining four (4) years of the contract period, we estimate the cost to be about \$1.4M. We also pay for hauling and processing costs of \$2.1M. If the program is eliminated prior to end of the contract period, the City would be obligated to make the contractor "whole" and address any other costs reasonably documented by the contractor.

 Regarding proposal to cut \$5.136M, disposal fee for WGSLF, from object code 3049, Other Services-Not Classified – what are we paying per ton to contractor at Waimanalo Gulch?

Answer: In FY 2010, the payment for MSW will be about \$18.10 per ton.

• Regarding proposal to cut \$4.513M, WGSLF Cell Excavation, from object code 3049, Other Services-Not Classified, will this be within existing footprint?

Answer: Any cell excavation will be for the planned landfill expansion, for which we have applied to the LUC for approval. The planned landfill expansion area is within the existing footprint of the property.

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 Regarding proposal to cut \$2.149M, WGSLF Liner, from object code 3049, Other Services-Not Classified, will this be within existing footprint?

Answer: Any cell liner will be for the planned landfill expansion, for which we have applied to the LUC for approval. The planned landfill expansion area is within the existing footprint of the property.

Regarding proposal to cut \$43,400,500, all H-Power items, from object code 3049,
 Other Services-Not Classified, what is cost per ton for ash fee disposal at
 Waimanalo Gulch?

Answer: In FY 2010, the payment for H-Power ash will be about \$15.30 per ton.

Regarding proposal to cut \$435K for Refuse CIP equipment

Answer: We request that the entire \$435,000 proposed cut be reinstated. New equipment includes two (2) new compactors @ \$300K each and one (1) new excavator @ \$270K. The new compactors will be used at the convenience centers and allow each rolloff bin to hold almost double the capacity of a non-compacted load. This would address numerous public complaints about long lines at convenience centers. The new excavator will allow the division to dredge the existing silting basin at Kapaa and Kalaheo landfills more often and as needed. Currently, dredging is sporadic depending on availability of Department of Facility Maintenance's excavator. The clearing of silt is required to meet NPDES permit conditions.

Sewer-funded Activities

• Regarding proposal to cut \$643,550 for Sewer CIP equipment

Answer: We request that the entire \$643,500 proposed cut be reinstated as all requested equipment are justified and are needed to ensure compliance with our permits and EPA consent decrees. As discussed, ENV did a rigorous review of their internal budget requests, totaling approximately \$6,000,000. About \$1.8 million in equipment requests have been deferred for FY 2011 funding.

If there are any questions, please contact David Nagamine at 768-3472.

Sincerely,

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